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Applicant : William Romine et al.

Appl. No. : 09/713,479

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For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
QUIESCING SELECT DATA  
MODIFICATION OPERATIONS  
AGAINST AN OBJECT OF A  
DATABASE DURING ONE OR  
MORE STRUCTURAL  
OPERATIONS

Examiner : S. D. Schrantz

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response adopts and complies with the revised amendment format announced by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, in which the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments to the claims, specification, and drawings. Therefore, the Applicants will show any amendments to specification and claims directly herein as opposed to providing both clean and marked up versions thereof.

Accordingly, in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed February 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: